



Village of Canal Winchester
36 South High Street
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110-1213

Village Council
Monday, March 3, 2008
7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender
Victor Paini

Rick Deeds
Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

Bruce Jarvis
Leah Turner

Bobbie Mershon

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Mershon moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2008 meeting. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

Mr. Jarvis noted in the new business section that it was actually himself working with Don Miller on the alley names, not Gene Hollins.

Mr. Paini also noted that the minutes referenced Columbia Gas and Mr. Paini when it was actually Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Turner

NAYS
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry abstained.
Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions: None at this time.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

Doug Snyder, of 7587 Walnut Dr., is representing the Scouting movement within the Village of Canal Winchester; Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. He is asking Council for support for the annual Scouting for Food drive which will take place on Saturday, March 15th from 9am to noon. Last year was very successful, collecting almost 3000 canned goods in three hours. Mr. Snyder hopes to surpass that number this year and is asking for any help from Council in proclaiming that day "Scouting for Food" Day would be appreciated.

John Garrett, of 250 Cherokee Court South, came to give a brief update on the status of Main Street Canal Winchester and the Downtown Reinvestment statistics. Last Thursday, Jeff Sigler, Director of Revitalization for Heritage Ohio came to Canal Winchester for the annual Main Street evaluation. The Main Street program is overseen by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. Garrett is proud to inform Council that Canal Winchester was accredited for the fifth consecutive year as a National Main Street Program. We are one of 1800 communities across the nation that has this recognition. It was no easy feat.

The Mayor and Mr. Deeds both expressed their gratitude for the work that has been done and asked that Mr. Garrett take that thank you back to the Committee members.

Mr. Deeds has a request to move up the Resolution for the Scouting event. Ms. Mershon moved to move it up on the agenda and Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

NAYS

Sponsor: Mr. Paini

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini, Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

THIRD READING

Sponsor: Mr. Paini

O-08-02A AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTION, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

Mr. Paini read the Ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 13-08. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-08-02D AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE NO RIGHT TURN ON RED DURING DESIGNATED TIMES RESTRICTION FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON ST. AND COLUMBUS ST.

Mrs. Turner read the Ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 14-08. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-08-02E AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON COLUMBUS ST. WEST OF WASHINGTON ST.

Mrs. Turner read the Ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 15-08, seconded by Ms. Mershon.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS:

Taken care of earlier in the meeting.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ebert stated that applications for the Community Watch Program are still being taken and volunteers are needed. Applications are available at the Municipal Building.

It is being considered to open up the swimming pool concession stand to a third party this year for food safety and other financial reasons.

Mayor Ebert also wanted to make everyone aware that the Canal Winchester Boy's basketball team is playing Thursday in the Regional game at Wright State. Mayor Ebert invites everyone to come see this team. There is a McDonald's All American and an Ohio State signee on the team.

Discussion ensued regarding the City of Columbus' portion of the Gender Road Safety study.

Mr. Deeds has had people from the homeowner's association asking about reseeding in the area of the Gender road light. Mr. Peoples stated that there is still a lot of work to do in that area. A water line needs repaired and restoration needs completed and will be done so when the weather is better in the spring.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer noted that the Retail Match list from Buxton was received.

Mr. Strayer wrote a new request for proposals updated to our thoroughfare plan and it is going through senior staff for final revisions at this time.

Mr. Jarvis asked if there are stats in the Buxton report that are note-worthy. Mr. Strayer replied that it is actually a list created which shows which businesses whose criteria meet our demographic. A discussion ensues regarding the list which Mr. Strayer handed out.

Dr. Bender asked if there has ever been a theatre interested in Canal Winchester. Mr. Strayer stated that he looked into it a couple of years ago with a contact that he had and at that time, the contact was not interested.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover was not in attendance.

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins stated that there is a signed contract with David Evangelical Lutheran for the ROW for the bike path. Soon all the ROW's will be cleared, as will utility relocation. Most likely it will be bid out this fall and constructed in the spring of 2009.

Mr. Hollins also reported that we are strongly opposed to changing the current Mayor's Court situation with House Bill 154.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Dep. Jeff Dixon gave the report in the absence of Sgt. Kern. See written report.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn handed out a list of concerns, comments and objections about Substituted House Bill 154. We have many concerns, not the least of which is that it makes Mayor's Court a Court of Record. This means that a transcriptionist must be at court. It would become a much more formal court than it currently is and would become a much bigger operation to manage on a daily basis. The reason for the change is that they do not want Mayor's to preside over Mayor's court and in this court that has not been the case for a number of years. We have a magistrate to preside over the court so that there are not administrative function difficulties that may occur in some jurisdictions.

Ms. Osborn requests a resolution that expresses our concern over the changes they are making in the law and would express the objections that are compiled. Ms. Osborn will present a resolution for Council's consideration at the next meeting so that we can get it to the members of the House that represent our area.

Also, Ms. Osborn stated that the Ohio Healthy Families Act is an act that is being presented to the legislature for their consideration, much as the Minimum Wage Act was presented. This would provide all employees, of businesses with at least 25 employees, at least 7 paid sick days annually (56 hours) in addition to any program that is currently in place at any employer. So for our employees,

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